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FROM A PASTOR'S DESK:

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! As we celebrate all that the empty tomb means we remember that at the heart of it comes the gift of eternal life! We are given life not only at birth but also at our re-birth and this one is eternal. God is all about life and every life that He creates is important to Him and should be important to us!

I recently ran across an article that was shared with me about two doctors from Australian universities, both PhD's, who gained prestige and notoriety after being published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Their article is entitled "After-birth abortion: why should the baby live?" The authors say that having a baby can be "an unbearable burden" because it might cause stress, economic or otherwise, for the mother or her family.

Unbelievable! And how do you think they can justify their argument? To quote their own words, "We claim that killing a newborn could be ethically permissible in all the circumstances where abortion would be." Their argument is based on the acceptance of abortion.

Do you hear what they are saying? Basically, now that abortion has been accepted, what is to keep an already born baby from being killed for any of the same reasons that a woman can justify having an abortion!

The authors also wrote that, "Merely being human is not in itself a reason for ascribing someone a right to life." And lest you think they are alone in their thinking, the Professor of Bioethics at

at Princeton University, Peter Singer, once wrote, "Human babies are not born self-aware, or capable of grasping that they exist over time. They are not persons." As a result, "the life of a newborn is of less value than the life of a pig, or a dog or a chimpanzee."

In addition, the Netherlands legalized euthanasia for infants in 2002 which accounts for 60% of all deaths of newborns in the country each year.

Our value and right to life was given to us by our Heavenly Father, in whose image we were created. Once a society removes that fact and chooses to define for themselves who is given the opportunity to live, then any one's opinion is as valid as another.

This argument for the killing of babies could never have been considered had abortion not paved the way for this kind of reasoning. We, the church must continue to boldly declare the truth as God defines it regarding the sanctity of life! Every life is precious to Him pre-born, born, handicapped, rich or poor, right from the moment of conception.

Pray for our leaders, that they too might see the truth and protect those who are unable to protect themselves.

*Portions of this were quoted from an article published by the Right to Life-Livingston County entitled "Another Wave of Death from Pandora's Box" written by Bradley Mattes, Executive Director – Life Issues Institute.

THANK YOU!

A big "thank you" to all who were involved in providing our Easter Breakfast! From the set-up of the tables and chairs, to the decorating of the tables, to the purchasing and cooking of the food, to those

who served and those who cleaned up after. Thank you, we appreciate your servants hearts.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY/NEED

Our brother Eli, who has so faithfully provided rides to church on Sundays to anyone who needed it, has been struggling with health issues that have made him unable to provide that service. But we do still have people who would like to worship with us but are unable due to lack of transportation. Would you pray about whether you might provide assistance to those in need?

We have a church van that is available to use, or it might be just as easy to use your own vehicle. Either way we would be happy to provide the gas if you would provide the ride. If you have any questions or would like to help, please see pastor Mark.

WE'VE HEARD YOUR CRY!

Many have asked, "When will we get together again for Bunko?" And it is time.

Are you needing to break up the mid-April blahs? Come and join us for a night of fun and fellowship! Wednesday, April 10th is Bunko night. The cost for the evening will again be \$2 per person which will include pizza, salad, drinks, and prizes. We will begin at 6pm and wrap up by 7:30pm. With daylight savings it will still be light when we wrap up.

Please sign up in the rear entry so that we know how many to plan for. Hope to see you there! We promise that you will go home a winner!

JONAH – ADULT BIBLE STUDY

When God's Purpose Isn't in Your Plans

The book of Jonah is best known for Jonah's run-in with a

large fish. But there's much more to the story than Jonah's three-day stay in a fish's belly. It's about God's grace, compassion, and love—even toward wayward people—and his commitment to spreading his message around the world.

In this series, pastor David Platt shows us that God is determined to spread his Word to all the nations of the earth and use his people to do it. The book of Jonah shows us that God desires to transform the hearts of his followers, making them more like him as they carry out his purposes in the world. Join David and get a renewed sense of what it means to orient your life around the mission of God.

We hope that you will plan to join us as we look into God's Word together Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH CFC TO MICHINDOH CONFERENCE CENTER



Our women's retreat with Christian Fellowship Church is scheduled for Friday – Sunday, September 13th – 15th, 2024 at Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, MI.

Please mark your calendar for this fun, peaceful, enjoyable, and exciting time in the Lord. The price is \$172 per person.

You may invite a guest, but our members are accommodated first. Please check with Jane Einem or Debbie Boyle for availability and further information.

CLOTHING MINISTRY

Due to the construction in the education wing, the clothing ministry will not be accepting any donations until further notice.

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE CAMPAIGN

Christ Church Outreach is blessed once again to be a part of the Meijer “Simply Give” campaign. The campaign will run from March 31, 2024, through June 29, 2024. **Our Double Day will be Saturday, June 15th.** We will remind you when that date is near. **This campaign we will be partnering with the Meijer Store located at 21431 Grand River in Detroit.** If you have any questions about the Simply Give Campaign, please see Barb Christopherson.